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WhiskeyintheJar/Kyraryker says

2.5 stars

Jessica says

I don't give out my 5 star reviews too often anymore, but His Lover to Protect is going down as one of my favorite Brazens. I absolutely loved the emotional depth that Robert brought to this novel. Sure, it's sexy as all get out, but Luke and Alexis are dealing with some very real and crippling issues that will really make your heart ache for both of them.

We briefly met Alexis in the previous book of the series, Falling For His Best Friend, and I couldn't wait to get her book so we could see her get her happily ever after. That girl deserves one like no other. She has jumped ship and left home to do some soul searching in Europe and come to terms with so many things that she is dealing with in her life: her mother's death, her inability to have kids, her sister's pregnancy... I honestly can't even imagine how difficult life is for her and it really devastated my heart to see her trying to find a sense of peace in her life.

Luke is such a good balance for her. I loved his cranky, gruff behavior and how he and Alexis are constantly going head to head with one another. I felt Robert really handled this type of situation SO WELL. There is consistency throughout the whole book with these two and their dynamic. They don't start off arguing and hostile and then it's all butterflies and love. No. They are hostile and fight against each other the entire book! It's actually great because mixed in is this undeniable attraction and NEED, which makes their romance so great. They start to feel more for one another, and while there are moments of tenderness, Luke never loses his gruff exterior. He has a major chip on his shoulder due to his injury and I love that he lets Alexis in because the two understand the others' brokenness in a way most other people couldn't.

I really loved how much these two pushed one another. Luke knew how to get to Alexis and vice versa. Neither one is looking for pity in the other. Instead, they offer understanding. Luke is keeping a pretty big secret from Alexis though, as he has not disclosed that it is her brother-in-law that has sent him to watch out for her. He wants to tell her the truth, especially after he realizes that she's something special. You know this is going to be a problem for the two, but the way Luke makes things right is pretty much the sweetest thing ever and I was really happy with the way their story progressed and concluded.

If you're looking for a sexy as sin Brazen with more emotional depth, you definitely need to grab this one. Robert kicked me in the feels with these two characters and I absolutely loved seeing their journey to find peace and healing.

Received a copy of this book via the publisher in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Nicola says

I've enjoyed the previous books in Katee Roberts *Out of Uniform* series and whilst this isn't my favourite, it's

a quick read with emotion and, as is the norm, plenty of sexy-time. With a couple who each have emotional baggage and are handling it the best they can, *His Lover to Protect* sees Alexis Yeung flee to Europe with no idea her family has tasked former para-rescuer, Luke Jackson with keeping an incognito eye on her.

"He was a battle-scarred old wolf, far more likely to eat her whole than give her the sweet kind of sex she craved."

I'm a bit torn if I'm honest, because whilst there were parts I very much enjoyed, there were equally others that didn't really work for me. Alexis and Luke took some time to endear themselves to me but, when they did, I very much liked them; with a good chemistry, I enjoyed their banter and the emotional moments between them did strike a chord, but have to say Luke's dirty talk didn't work for me much at all, and all the *cock*, *pussy* and *clit*'s were just a little overplayed.

Katee Robert has pretty much stuck to her tried and tested formula and whilst *His Lover to Protect* was fairly predictable, it's still a fair addition to the series. 3.5 stars.

Copy received courtesy of Entangled Publishing for an honest and unbiased opinion.

Michelle says

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Christi Snow says

My Review:

The premise on this one is interesting.

Alexis has had some really hard years, but it comes to a head when her sister becomes pregnant...not that that is a bad thing, but it just points out to Alexis that maybe her life isn't all that she'd hoped or dreamed. She drops everything to go on an impromptu European tour.

Luke has had his own troubles the last few years after an IED blew him up a little over a year ago. Like Alexis, he's a little broken and a lot scarred on the inside and out. But when Ryan comes to him to chase after and look over Alexis, he's not going to turn down a fellow PJ.

Throughout this story, these two characters are truly finding themselves again through one another. They've both dealt with huge blows to what they know about how they should function in life. As a result, they're floundering...for purpose...for 'why's'...for answers to where they go from here. Luckily, they do find those answers...with each other...and across an interesting jaunt across Europe...which is a fun setting/backdrop for the book.

Overall, I liked it. I'll admit that you have to suspend a tiny bit of disbelief because Europe isn't a tiny place and for Luke to just find Alexis is highly unlikely. It's even more unlikely for him to honestly expect he could follow her across Europe and she wouldn't notice the same American lurking. But once I got past that, I did enjoy the story.

I enjoy the angst that comes from emotionally wounded characters and both Luke and Amelia are great ones. It just creates such an emotionally satisfying story when main characters like this find healing through their love. This one was well done on that front. I also felt like I'd had an armchair tour of Europe at the same time. Overall it was a great escape for the afternoon.

I received a complimentary copy of this book in return for an honest review.

Devika says

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Caro says

3.5 stars.

This was a fun read, although I wanted to kick Luke several times, lol.

Here we had Luke and Alexis. She was traveling through Europe, sorting some personal issues; and Luke was the guy with the task of following her and taking care of her... from afar. Because that was the thing, Alexis was not supposed to know he was there.

Well, things didn't turn out that way, lol.

Anyway, like I said before, I wanted to kick Luke so many times, the guy was such an ass. I could see why he was like that after learning about his past, but come on, it wasn't Alexis' fault. It wasn't the world's fault either. However, I did like he made the effort to change, and he finally realized that was no way to live (really, the guy was angry all the time).

As for Alexis, I liked her a lot. She went through something really hard and even when she had the support of her sister and father, she was also constantly bullied by her boyfriend and grandfather. I wanted to beat the hell out of them for doing that, but I loved seeing Alexis finally realizing that she didn't have to listen to those comments. She still had a lot of love around her, that outweighed the meanness.

To be honest, I'm not a fan of characters doing things to other characters just because they think is for their best. It drives me crazy, so I was really mad at Alexis' sister and her friends. Have a little faith on her, for God's sake. However, I could see where they were coming from, considering Alexis talked very little about her issues with them.

In general, it was a fun read, with lots of sexy times and character growth.

Thank you to Entangled Publishing for providing an ARC in exchange of my honest opinion

Eva Millien says

Luke Jackson has never met a challenge he couldn't take until now... he's playing a game of cat and mouse across Europe that always ends with him and Alexis tangled up in the sheets in this gripping romance.

After her life goes horribly wrong, Alexis Young flees to Europe determined to face the world on her own terms and the reader can't help but get drawn into the story as Alexis and Luke get more than they hoped for. The attraction between Alexis and Luke sizzles with intense heat from every page but both of these characters have to heal from their emotional traumas before they can come together. The fast paced, smooth flowing plot captivates readers with suspense, turmoil and romance while the strong, compelling characters capture the heart.

Expectation builds throughout the story as the sparks fly in every direction with some heated clashes and passionate encounters between Luke and Alexis and anticipation builds throughout because Luke is holding out on Alexis and his secret could bring everything crashing down around him. Well written scenes and details capture the imagination and the heart gripping emotions draw the reader in and refuse to let go while the chase across Europe adds spice to the story.

This is a romance that makes your heart feel good by the time you are done but has you empathizing with the characters in moments of sadness throughout, it is a story that says to never give up hope because things can get better, it is about overcoming adversity and reaching for more and once you start reading it, there is no way you can put the story down until you know exactly what happens between Luke and Alexis.

Alyssa says

3.5 stars

Review posted on The Eater of Books! blog

His Lover To Protect by Katee Robert
Book Three of the Out of Uniform series
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Warning: this is an adult book, and for the eyes of mature readers

Summary (from Goodreads):

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What I Liked:

It's no secret that Katee Robert is one of my favorite romance authors. The Marriage Contract is my favorite of hers, but I LOVE her novels with Brazen. This book was pretty great! I read book one of this series (In Bed With Mr. Wrong), and liked it. I haven't gotten the chance to read book two, but I'm glad and so happy to have had the chance to review book three!

Alexis is running from her demons, taking a long vacation in Europe. She's running away from everything that isn't good in her life. Her family is very worried about her, and her brother-in-law has Luke Jackson tail her (without her knowing). Luke is a fellow pararescuer, so he will help out his friend by following Alexis, making sure she's safe. But Luke and Alexis end up colliding, sharing steamy nights together... without Alexis knowing who he really is. Alexis will have to find out eventually - will it be worth it?

Both Alexis and Luke are both such scarred characters - mostly emotionally, but also physically. Being in the military has a lot of risk associated with it, and Luke was badly injured while serving. He has a limp in one of his legs, and he is very scarred there. Alexis's scars are less physical, but she carries around with her a lot of guilty, remorse, despair. Something was taken from her that she couldn't bear to lose.

I love how Robert dug deep with these two characters. A lot of times, romance novels (like many Brazen novels) have great developed characters, but the complexity isn't on this level that Robert has displayed in this book. You can feel the agony and the pain that Alexis felt, that Luke felt. Both of them have reason to shut down, run away, forget about the world. They argue and fight initially, but they are perfect for each other, in so many ways.

The chemistry between these two is scorching! The very first steamy scene is off the charts hawt. If there is one thing that you are guaranteed in Robert's books, it is excellent chemistry between the starring couple. And a nicely developed romance too! I love good chemistry, but also, a strong romance and healthy pair.

Diversity! I love the diversity of this book. Robert is good at sprinkling diversity in her books, and I love that in this book, she chose to make a protagonist Asian. I am a fan!

I had a bit of trouble with Alexis (see below), but for the most part, I loved this book! It's very short, but very steamy, and very angst-filled (not overwhelmingly so though), and very hopeful. You'll love Alexis and Luke's journey across Europe, the two of them discovering each other in various ways, and the climax - the big issue and how it is resolved. There is a nice ending to this story!

What I Did Not Like:

I struggled with Alexis, initially. I understand her issues, and I think I know how she felt. But she is such a coward! Running away from her family, so many people who were worried about her, all the way to another continent? It's just so immature! But to be fair, Alexis does grow throughout the story, and doesn't remain cowardly for the entire book.

The dynamic seemed weird to me - Luke knowing exactly who she was the whole time, Alexis having no idea. It's almost creepy, someone following you, even if he is a family friend, sent by family. The dynamic of this book just seemed weird because of that. You have to get past it!

Would I Recommend It:

I would recommend ANY of Katee Robert's books! Especially her O'Malley series. Especially her Brazen books. Basically anything she has written. This one is no exception! It's not my favorite of hers, but I liked it a lot. Romance readers, you will enjoy this quick and dirty (hehe) novel by Robert!

Rating:

3.5 stars -> rounded up to 4 stars. I wonder if Robert has more Out of Uniform books up her sleeve? I loooove a man in uniform. Or out of his uniform. That's fine too. Gimme more books!

Sarah says

We met Alexis in **Falling for His Best Friend** and I've been desperate to see her get a happily ever after ever since. She has been through so much having to face cancer and come to terms with no longer being able to have children of her own, throw in the treatment she received from her ex and the way her grandfather calls her a failure it's no wonder she has had enough. She is thrilled that Avery is happy but watching her sister's pregnancy is just too much for her and she decides to head off to Europe to get some space and take the time she needs to let herself get over her losses. My heart broke for Alexis when we first met her but she's made of strong stuff and I was proud to see her go out there and live her dreams. She's been knocked down by life but refuses to stay there and it was great to see her start to put herself back together as she visited the places she's always dreamed of seeing.

Luke is friends with Drew and Ryan and they've asked him to keep an eye on Alexis for them, they're worried that she took off with little preparation and don't want to see anything happen to her. Luke is recovering from his own injuries and the last thing he wants is to follow a spoiled princess around Europe just because she decided to take off and cause her family trouble. He has completely the wrong idea about her but when they eventually meet he is quick to realise his mistake. There is more to Alexis than meets the eye and he's desperate to uncover her secrets.

Alexis and Luke have great chemistry but they're both emotionally wounded and trying to put their lives back together in their own ways. While the story was undoubtedly hot, and Luke is a brilliant dirty talker (my favourite kind of hero!), I think what I enjoyed most was seeing them help each other rebuild their confidence and start to put their issues behind them. I have to admit that I was a little annoyed with Alexis's family for the way they viewed her as so helpless but luckily Luke doesn't take long to realise how wrong they are about her and he helps her see just how brave and capable she is.

The one issue I had was with how long Luke kept his identity secret, it was obvious that she was going to be hurt when she found out he'd been sent to protect her and I think I would have had more respect for him if he'd been honest with her sooner. However, things all worked out in the long run so I was able to forgive him quite easily. The romance between them was really sweet and it was great to see Alexis happy again, we also get a glimpse at some of the previous couples from the series and got to travel around Europe a little which made a nice change of setting. **Katee Robert** has definitely become one of my go to authors for contemporary romance and I'm looking forward to seeing what she comes up with next.

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Jaime Arkin says

His Lover To Protect is a nice addition to the Out Of Uniform series and focuses on Alexis Yeung and Luke Jackson.

Luke, tasked with watching over his friends little sister while she traverses Europe, is having a hard time keeping up. Definitely not something a former pararescuer would ever admit to... and once he gets to know Alexis his job of keeping her safe isn't really the issue anymore, it's keeping his identity a secret and fighting the connection between them.

I have to say that while this wasn't my favorite, I still enjoyed both the characters and the story.

If you read the previous book in this series, you know that Alexis and her family are not on the same page with a lot of things. Her grandparents disagree with her life choices and this has put her on the outs with them, but she is still dealing with the death of her mother and her sister's pregnancy.

I think the thing I liked best, because this is a favorite trope of mine, is that these two did NOT hit it off immediately. Luke's dark and broody attitude do nothing to endear him to Alexis and admittedly their first accidental meeting has her pointing out the weaknesses in his body. From there it was fun watching these two let down their guards and get to know each other... confiding in one another the things that they hope and dream for. I really enjoyed getting to know them along the way as well.

If you're looking for a fun, sexy romance, definitely check out His Lover To Protect and grab the full series while you're at it.

Thank you to Entangled for an advance copy in exchange for my honest thoughts.

Claire Robinson says

4 - "If the glass slipper fits..." Stars!

I really enjoyed *His Lover to Protect*, the third book in Katee Robert's *Out of Uniform* series see's Alexis Yeung, take a little trip around Europe. Having featured in the previous book in the series, I already knew a little about her, and the reasons for her leaving the US for Europe without a word to her family and friends.

I have to admit, I wasn't a huge fan of Alexis or her behaviour in *Falling for His Best Friend*, so I was interested to see how Katee would make her likeable to me. She did, and she did it well, mainly because you are given the background information to understand her reactions and actions fully.

"I'm just trying to understand you."

I think there was also potential for this book to be too angsty and overly dramatic due to the past issues that Alexis is trying to come to terms with, but the author got the mix of drama/sexy times just right for me.

"Darlin', you got the drop on me once. It wouldn't happen again."

Luke Jackson, is the other reason I really enjoyed this book; ornery with a side of sweet dirty talker, he ticked all my boxes, and I loved the banter between the two of them in the first half of the book.

"You gave me back a piece of what I was looking for."

Although the tropes are well-known, and you can pretty much guess how everything is going to work out early on in the book, sometimes things just gel together well and offer the reading experience that you are looking for at any given time. I was in the mood for a book of this nature when I picked it up, and it did exactly what it was expected to in that I had an enjoyable few hours with a likeable couple on their own adventure to happiness.

ARC generously provided by Entangled, and it was a pleasure to provide the above honest review.

Hannah says

ARC REVIEW

His Lover to Protect by Katee Robert is the third book of her Out of Uniform series. Not to worry it can be read as a stand-alone. Katee Robert delivers a smokin' hot read. Two people who have survived life threatening circumstances are trying to figure out what to do now.

Alexis Yeung is a cancer survivor she lived through the same horrible disease that killed her mother. But Alexis doesn't feel whole anymore; the doctors had to perform a hysterectomy and since then her fiancé left her because of it and her very traditional Chinese Grandfather told her she has failed as a woman and disgraced the family. To top it all off her sister just got pregnant. Filling inadequate and lost she ups and leaves for a backpack trip of Europe.

Luke Jackson was good at being a soldier, a pararescuer, it's the only thing he has known; until the world exploded around him. Now he has been medically honorably discharged and wondering what he can do with his life now. An old friend and another former pararescuer asks him for help, one of his best friends left unexpectedly for Europe and he wants Luke to follow her just to make sure she stays safe.

Luke catches up to Alexis in Ireland walking back from the Blarney Stone. It's fairly obvious she can take care of herself because she knows he is following her and kicks him in the face. Luke plays it up like he just happened to be there at the same time, they end up having a beer together. The sexual attraction between them is palpable and end up in bed together. (steaming hot!) Alexis is gone before he wakes up. Luke follows her to Norway then from then on out he travels with her. She admits why she is taking the trek and Luke falls in love with her. She falls in love with Luke but one little slip and she figures it out. Alexis is hurt but Luke is going to prove to her everything he told her everything they shared was real.

Overall, this was a really nice, quick read. I'm going to have to look to reading the first two.

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4 Stars

It's not going to be nice, and it's not going to be sweet. If you want romance, you've got the wrong fucking guy.

I've been waiting impatiently for Alexis to get her book ever since I finished Falling for His Best Friend. I really wanted that HEA for her. It broke my heart knowing what the two Yeung sisters have been through, but Alexis in particular. Losing their mother to cancer, having the same cancer looming all of them and Alexis paid the ultimate prize with her choice. Even though her choice saved her life, it changed it irrevocably as well. Watching her sister in her pregnancy glow is the final straw that sends her to Europe to find herself. While backpacking through all the places she's always wanted to visit she also hopes to lose herself a little too.

Luke Jackson is sent by the Ryan Flannery to keep an eye on Alexis since she took with barely a word to anyone. The broody, wounded, and grouchy former pararescuer thinks his job is to keep an eye on the entitled princess, but one chance run in and a sizzling night after later he begins to realize that Alexis is so much more than he initially thought.

I really enjoyed this installment to the series, even more so than the last one. Then again I do have a weak spot for the broody and tortured heroes. Luke may have mostly physically recovered from the injury that almost cost him his life, but the emotional scars he still carries from that injury costing him the career he loved never vanished. But beneath the gruff and tatted exterior, is a wounded soul and I loved watching Alexis slowly bring him to his knees.

In usual Katee Robert fashion the sex scenes were smoking hot and Luke was no slacker on the dirty talk. I think what I enjoyed the most was the emotional connection between these two broken characters that somehow heal each other. I also loved reading about all the places they visit together. Katee did a wonderful job truly allowing the reader to experience all those sights along with the characters.

If you enjoyed the other books in this series, you're sure to enjoy this one. An emotional and sexy read with two imperfect characters that are perfect together. I loved it!

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